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15 December 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 20 December 1977

1. The briefing scheduled for 13 December has been cancelled. The 27 December briefing probably will be cancelled too. As a result briefing topic schedules have been changed significantly.

2. The following topics are nominated for the Presidential Briefing on 20 December 1977:

- a. Poland
- b. Horn of Africa
- c. Nuclear Issues in Countries the President Will Visit.
- d. Saudi Update
- e. Soviet Oil Production Estimates

3. The following subjects are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential briefings; My memorandum of 12 December was hasty in setting up a schedule predicated on the cancellation of the 27 December briefing. There is still a 50-50 chance it will be held. Therefore, some topics should be prepared for it as indicated below:

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| | a. | NIE 11-3/8 (NIO/SP) | <i>late</i>
early January |
| | b. | [REDACTED] | 27 December |
| <i>to TP2</i> | c. | Covert Communications (OTS) | 27 December |
| | d. | Counterintelligence (DDO) | early January |
| | e. | Soviet Map Distortions (OGCR) | early January |
| | f. | Sino-Soviet Dispute (NIO/China) | mid January |
| | g. | Tactical Air Balance in Central Europe (OSR & NIO/CF) | late January |
| <i>to TP2</i> | h. | Chinese Shopping for Western Technology (NIO/China) | 27 December |
| | i. | Profile of the Arab Rejection Front | 27 December |

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- ← a. US Research Capability on the USSR (NIO/PE) mid Feb
 - ← b. Reduced Oil Production Impact on the World Economy (27 Dec?) 17 Jan
 - ← c. Worldwide Nuclear Weapons Developments Relating to CTB OSI late Jan
 - ← d. Monitoring a CW Ban OSI
 - ← e. Soviet Views on Banning Weapons of Mass Destruction ↑? Are we sure we want to drop this?
 - ← f. Factors Influencing Mexican Migrations OER ↓ (PDB)
 - ← g. Estimating Soviet Manpower and Costing Soviet Military Forces OSR early Feb
 - ← h. Chinese Civil Defense Programs
 - ← i. Libya's Military Equipment Inventory (short item) mid Jan
 - ← j. Evaluation of Performance of Imagery Systems
 - ← k. Soviet Interest in Very Large Space Boosters ↓ (no model)?
 - ← l. Japan, Its Relations with China and the Soviet Union NIO Pse early Jan
 - ← m. NIE 11-4 NIO/OSR late Jan
 - ← n. Soviet Forced Labor Camps ↓? mid Jan?
 - ← o. Telemetry OWI late Jan
 - ← p. How the Soviets Manage Their Missile/Space R&D
 - q. Use of Foreign Labor and Technicians in Arabian States

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- a. North Korean Defense Production
- b. French Foreign Policy
- c. Egypt 1978
- d. Soviets, Cubans and ZIPRA
- e. Freedom of Information Act
- f. Arab Aid to Egypt
- g. Detection of Mobile Missile Deployments

Chinese Civil Defense

Soviet Views on Banning Weapons of Mass Destruction

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